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**USE OF THROMBUS** 

PRECURSOR PROTEIN AND

**MONOCYTE** 

**CHEMOATTRACTANT** 

PROTEIN AS DIAGNOSTIC AND PROGNOSTIC INDICATORS IN

VASCULAR DISEASES

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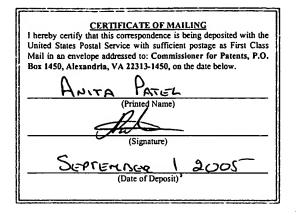
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